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Subject: Statutes of Study Syndicate for construction of isotope separation plant

1. Attached in unofficial translation is the text of the statutes of the Study Syndicate (1) for the construction of the European isotope separation plant (Brussels document MAE 249) which was signed on September 7, 1956 in Brussels by the heads of delegations to the Intergovernmental Conference for the Common Market and Euratom.

2. The European isotope separation plant, which is conceived of by most Euratom supporters as the key structure in the European atomic community, was the subject of a recommendation from the Conference's Euratom Working Group to the six Governments in February 1956 (see referenced despatch), that a Study Syndicate be created among the Governments to examine the possibilities of construction of such a plant. The recommendation of February 1956 asserted that the construction of an isotope separation plant was a matter of urgency in order to provide Europe as soon as possible with a source of uranium 235, and that present six-country studies were inadequate to permit a project for the plant to be worked out. The newly founded Study Syndicate will therefore bridge the gap by accelerating and coordinating specific studies and research centered on an isotope separation plant. Its findings will in turn be passed on to the future organization given responsibility for the plant's construction.

3. A note annexed to the February recommendation (and also transmitted under cover of COLUX D-14) laid down the general principles of the statutes that were to be drawn up for the proposed Syndicate. These statutes, which are attached herewith, define in precise terms the composition, operation and functions of the Syndicate.

In brief, the Syndicate's members include initially the six ECSC States participating in the work of the Intergovernmental Conference, with provision for the participation of other States subject to the unanimous concurrence of the members. The Syndicate will be headed by an Executive Committee composed of one delegate from each Government. Close liaison with the Intergovernmental Conference for the

(1) The Mission uses the phrase "Study Syndicate" for the French Syndicat d'Etudes in preference to the translation "Preparatory Organization," as used in COLUX D-14 of February 24, 1956.

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Common Market and Euratom is provided for. Bodies or enterprises in the member States may be associated in the work of the Syndicate provided notably that they (like the Governments) undertake a commitment to divulge no information to third parties, to communicate to the Syndicate information and results of research, and to grant ~~it~~ irrevocable and non-exclusive licenses for patented inventions to the future organization.

The Mission of the Syndicate, as defined in Article 2 of the Statutes, is to prepare for the construction of the plant "by all useful means . . . and in particular by the organizing and coordinating of studies. . . ." Article 5 spells out the Syndicate's functions in greater detail, listing as specific tasks a) permanent inventory of research or studies undertaken or underway; b) plan for additional research and studies and distribution of this work among the member countries; c) communication of information among the members of the Syndicate subject to certain conditions; ~~(d) negotiation of the conditions~~ for the granting of licenses to the organization to be given responsibility for the construction of the isotope separation plant; e) making of any necessary recommendations to the Governments for modification of the statutes and the formation and functioning of the organization to be given responsibility for the construction and operation of the plant.

It is provided that the statutes will take effect upon the date when all signatory Governments will have notified the Belgian Government in writing of their acceptance of the statutes. However, it is stated that the Governments agree to apply the provisions of the statutes temporarily upon the date of signature pending the formal entry into effect. It was on this basis that the Syndicate held its first meeting in Paris on September 18, 1956.

The statutes further provide that the Syndicate will hold its working meetings in Paris, but will meet in Brussels at the request of its own President or of the President of the Intergovernmental Conference for the Common Market and Euratom whenever it is called upon to discuss "general problems or those having political implications."

4. In view of the interest that the OEEC has shown in the Intergovernmental Conference's plans to proceed with study of the construction of an isotope separation plant, the text of the statutes for the Study Syndicate have been formally communicated to the Secretary-General of the OEEC by the Secretary-General of the Intergovernmental Conference. This was done in response to a request of July 24, 1956 from the Secretary-General of the OEEC, in order to permit examination of the problems that would be raised by possible participation of four OEEC member countries that have expressed in the OEEC Council an interest in participating in the Syndicate (i.e., Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey).

Enclosure:

Text of statutes of Study Syndicate for construction of European isotope separation plant

  
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